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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I bring to a close next week a career of more than 25 years of intelligence work, almost all of it in the Central Intelligence Agency.

I feel privileged to have been involved in a profession so essential to the well being of this country in dealing with foreign problems and threats. I have been well rewarded in this work, too, having been assigned positions of leadership in CIA and our Intelligence Community.

Among the hallmarks of our modern intelligence efforts are oversight and accountability. The Congress and the Executive Department have worked constructively together in recent times to establish effective Congressional oversight and responsive accountability on the part of intelligence bodies. New ground has been broken and arrangements established that can give the American people confidence that their intelligence arms are competent and controlled and that necessary secrets and sensitivities are preserved in the oversight process.

You and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee staff can take pride in this. I am glad to have played a role in the process.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to you, Vice Chairman Goldwater, all members of the Committee and to the Committee officials. I have enjoyed working with all of you.

Faithfully yours,

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